

pure as the snow itself. And so he prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." He did not wish his life to be made better on the outside only, but longed most of all for the old happy feelings of love and peace toward God that he had lost through sin. "Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy holy spirit from me," he cried with his whole heart.

David knew that his sin was so much the greater because of the high position which he held before the people. And he promised the Lord, if only He would restore him again to the joy and gladness of His favor, he would spend his life in teaching others to love and obey Him. "O Lord," he said again, "open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What message did Nathan bring King David after he had sinned? 2. What did David do? 3. How did he show that he was sorry for what he had done? 4. Whose laws had he broken? 5. What did David believe God could do for him? 6. For what did he long most of all? 7. Why was David's sin greater than that of others? 8. How did he promise to make up for the evil he had done? 9. What did he say was more pleasing to God than offerings? 10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I'll give five cents to whichever one of you finds one of my balls that is lost," said one of the young men to Willie and Bobby at the tennis courts.

"I have to go on an errand," said Bobby to Willie, "but suppose we divide the field in half, and I'll come back and look in mine."

Before long Willie spied the ball. It was under the stick between Bobby's half and his own. "It is in my half," he cried, picking it up. But was it? After a struggle, for he wanted the money badly, he put

the ball back in the hole, and when Bobby came they both looked at it.

"See," said Bobby, "the stick isn't straight. We put it crooked. The ball is on your side."

How glad Willie felt now that he had shown Bobby the right place, and had taken no mean advantage of him.

Lesson Hymn

Let me at a throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition
Help my unbelief. Amen.
—Hymn 168, Book of Praise

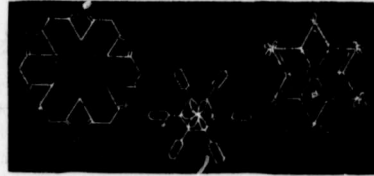
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—52. **What promise did Jesus make to His disciples when He was going away?** Jesus promised to send them another Comforter, or Helper, to remain with them forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—98. **What is prayer?** A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Look at these beautiful, white snow-crystals. Did you ever see anything purer than



the newly-fallen snow. David prayed that God would make his heart as pure as this. God will make our hearts pure if we ask Him.

**I Have Learned To-day that
I SHOULD BE SORRY FOR MY SINS**